

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/681,497  
Applicant : Stephen G. Bales  
Filing Date : October 8, 2003  
Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites  
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels  
Art Unit : 1732  
Docket No. : LA 001  
Customer No. 000048373

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
AUG 28 2006

August 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of Aug. 24, 2006, please amend the above application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2. These amendments eliminate all new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Claims 2 and 17 are rewritten in the independent form as authorized by 37 CFR 41.33; in both claims the ranges have been returned to the original values. Markings have been added to indicate changes since the previous Amendment as requested in the Non-Compliance notification. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6. The arguments include the item 8 rejection of the Advisory Action and provide rationale for entry of the document at issue, the affidavit of June 19, 2006 into the record. They also include arguments to include additional evidence into the record based on the final rejection received in the April 5, 2006 OA.